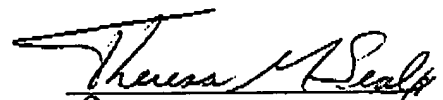


Remarks/Arguments:

1. In response to Applicant's amendment filed on April 22, 2006, Applicant received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated May 1, 2006. That Notice stated that a complete listing of all claims, along with their accompanying status identifiers, was not included with Applicant's amendment of April 22, 2006.
2. In accordance with the above-mentioned Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant has herein provided a complete listing of all the claims that have been presented along with their accompanying status identifiers. Thus, originally submitted claims 1 – 14 have been canceled, and claims 15 and 16 presented in Applicant's amendment dated November 29, 2005 have also been canceled leaving only claim 17 as remaining in the case.
3. No new subject matter has been entered by this amendment, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of new claim 17 and passage of this case to full issuance. As this response has been entered before the expiration of the one-month period for response, no extension of time or fee is enclosed or required.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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